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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Stephan Franz Westermann, et al. )  
For: PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING A )  
RUBBER COMPONENT CONTAINING A )  
RUBBER GEL AND SYNDIOTATIC )  
1,2-POLYBUTADIENE )

Docket No.: DN2001050

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Examiner:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the 8th day of February, 2002.

  
Stacy J. Sidle

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231


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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above identified application, please recognize John D. DeLong of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio 44316-0001, Registration No. 44,648, as my associate attorney or agent, with full power to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

All communications, however, are to be addressed to Patent & Trademark Department, Department 823, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio 44316-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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